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1. PLEASE REQUEST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOREIGN MINISTRY TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN FRENCH TO THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT THROUGH FRG EMBASSY IN BRAZZAVILLE.

FRG EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE SHOULD INSERT THE DATES OF THE FIRST TWO NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE DELIVERING IT TO GOC (B). QUOTE

DANS LES NOTES EN DATE DU ET DU
, LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS A FAIT SAVOIR
AU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU CONGO QUE
L'ABSENCE DE PROGRES RAPIDES ET SENSIBLES DANS LA RESOLU-
TION DES DEMANDES NON SATISFAITES D'INDEMNISATION DES
SOCIETES PETROLIERES AMERICAINES TEXACO ET MOBIL, A LA
SUITE DE LA NATIONALISATION DE LEURS BIENS LE 12 JANVIER
1974 PAR LA REPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU CONGO, POURRAIT AVOIR
UN EFFET DEFAVORABLE SUR LE MAINTIEN DE L'ADMISSIBILITE
DE LA REPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU CONGO AU BENEFICE DES PREFE-
RENCES DOUANIERES GENERALISEES ACCORDEES EN VERTU DE LA
LOI DE 1974 SUR LE COMMERCE EXTERIEUR, ET POURRAIT AUSSI
MENER A L'APPLICATION D'UNE LEGISLATION ANALOGUE OBLIGEANT
LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS A FAIRE OPPOSITION AUX
PRETS ACTUELLEMENT A L'ETUDE DANS LES BANQUES MULTILATE-
RALES DE DEVELOPPEMENT EN FAVEUR DE PAYS QUI PROCEDENT A
L'EXPROPRIATION DE BIENS DE PROPRIETE AMERICAINE SANS
PRENDRE LES MESURES REQUISES EN VUE DE S'ACQUITTER DE LEURS
PROPRES OBLIGATIONS ENVERS LES PROPRIETAIRES DESDITS BIENS.

LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS A ETE INFORME DEPUIS PAR LA
BANQUE MONDIALE DU FAIT QUE LA REPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU CONGO
A L'INTENTION DE PARVENIR RAPIDEMENT A DES REGLEMENTS
EQUITABLES AVEC TEXACO ET MOBIL. LE GOUVERNEMENT DES
ETATS-UNIS SOUHAITERAIT ETRE INFORME DE LA SITUATION
ACTUELLE CONCERNANT CES AFFAIRES ET DES MESURES PRISES OU
E'VISAGEES (ET SUIVANT QUELS DELAIS FIXES) PAR LA REPU-
BLIQUE POPULAIRE DU CONGO EN VUE DE LES REGLER. CES
MESURES POURRAIENT NOTAMMENT CONSISTER A FAIRE AUX SOCIETES
DES OFFRES EQUITABLES D'INDEMNISATION OU A ENTREPRENDRE
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AVEC ELLES DES NEGOCIATIONS OU DES ENTRETIENS SERIEUX
MENANT A DES PROGRES SENSIBLES EN VUE D'UNE INDEMNISATION.
LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS A L'ESPOIR QUE DES PROGRES
SENSIBLES SERONT BIENTOT REALISES EN VUE DU REGLEMENT DES
DEMANDES D'INDEMNISATION RESTANT A REGLER ENTRE TEXACO ET
MOBIL ET LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU
CONGO. UNQUOTE

2. ALSO, REFTEL C REQUESTED THAT FRG EMBASSY IN
BRAZZAVILLE ASSIST TEXACO IN SCHEDULING A MEETING BETWEEN

TEXACO AND GOC(B) ON THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION IN BRAZZAVILLE AS SOON AS SUCH A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED. FROM REACTION OF TEXACO REP SUDEN REPORTED IN REFTEL C IT WOULD APPEAR HE IS READY TO TRAVEL TO BRAZZAVILLE AT ANY TIME. DEPT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY BONN DISCUSS WITH FRG FACTS OF THE CASE AS FOUND IN REFTEL C AND REQUEST THAT FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY ASK FRG EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE IF AMB. FISCHER WOULD BE WILLING, AND THINK IT PRACTICAL, THAT HE REQUEST SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.

3. PLEASE REQUEST THAT FRG EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE REPORT DELIVERY, GOC(B) REACTION TO NOTE AND FISCHER REACTION TO REQUEST IN PARA 2 ABOVE SOONEST. KISSINGER

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